



# Tree Guide

Genus	CommonNames	Description
<b>Acacia</b>	Wattle	Small trees that require a very sheltered location. Many Acacia's are not hardy but make spectacular conservatory specimens
<b>Acer</b>	Norway Maple, Snakebark Maple, Field Maple	Norway maples are medium height, tough, colourful specimens that tolerate heavy soils. Snakebark maples tend to be small trees and prefer a more sheltered location. The field maple is a small UK native great for heavy soil.
<b>Aesculus</b>	Horse Chestnut, Conker Tree	Now that the common varieties are suffering from ugly leaves due the the Chestnut Leaf Miner it is time to plant more of the rarer (resistant) varieties of this large and handsome trees.
<b>Albizia</b>	Cotton Wool Tree,	A stunning feathery leaved small tree that requires a warm sheltered spot to thrive.
<b>Alnus</b>	Alder	Small to medium height trees that will cope with the wettest sites. Glorious catkins and pleasant bark are among the best features. For a winter treat look at the golden barked variety!
<b>Amelanchier</b>	Snowy Mespilus	Small trees that suit moist ground and heavy soils. Pretty spring and autumn foliage, flowers and fruit - a good all rounder.
<b>Arbutus</b>	Strawberry Tree	Evergreen with orange striated bark, fruit and flowers visible on the tree at the same time. A valuable small tree native to Ireland.
<b>Betula</b>	Silver Birch, River Birch, Swedish Birch	Small and medium varieties with a range of leaf size, colour and shape, plenty of different habits - narrow, weeping, etc and a wide range of coloured and often flaking bark. There is a birch for everybody!
<b>Carpinus</b>	Hornbeam	Native to this part of England, a large and handsome tree. Also used as a hedging plant which will retain dead leaves through the winter.
<b>Catalpa</b>	Indian Bean Tree	Large leaves, an impressive appearance and super flowers. Prune back hard to get the best display. Suits a sheltered sunny corner.
<b>Ceanothus</b>	Californian Lilac	Small and beautiful. Not for exposed areas or frost pockets but very rewarding with long flowering periods which attract a lot of wildlife.
<b>Cercidiphyllum</b>	Candyfloss Tree, Katsura,	A firm favourite for its autumn foliage colours AND SCENT! Easy to grow and always a plant to be proud of.
<b>Cercis</b>	Judas Tree, Redbud,	Small trees with loads of flowers on the trunk and bare branches early in the year. Good looking foliage. Avoid exposed areas.
<b>Cornus</b>	Flowering Dogwood, Cornelian Cherry,	A group of large shrubs and smwll trees that are increasingly popular for the long 'flowering' periods and spectacular flowers.
<b>Corylus</b>	Hazel, Turkish Hazel,	Tough and productive plants most of which are suitable for all sites and soils.

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<b>Cotoneaster</b>		Semi-evergreen - able to hold their leaves throughout a mild winter. Spring flowers and autumn fruits make this a good looking wildlife friendly choice. Sizes from V small to small.
<b>Crataegus</b>	Flowering Thorn, Hawthorn,	Single flowered forms are particularly wildlife friendly with the spring blossom and autumn fruit. Choose prunifolia for the best autumn colour. Any site and soil.
<b>Davidia</b>	Handkerchief Tree, Dove tree,	A famous tree that takes a number of years to get established before it provides its spectacular display of 'flowers'.
<b>Eucalyptus</b>	Gum Tree	Very fast growing with scented foliage. Evergreen. Some varieties are more hardy than others. Prune back hard to avoid ending up with a very tall tree.
<b>Euonymus</b>	Spindle,	Closely related to our native spindle, these small trees offer wonderful wildlife benefits as well as interesting bark and superb autumn displays.
<b>Fagus</b>	Beech,	Easy to grow as a tree or as hedging, the beech tree is a common sight wherever soils are not too heavy. Choose the named varieties for the benefits they confer and allow them plenty of space to mature.
<b>Fraxinus</b>	Ash,	Light foliage, tidy shapes and often good autumn colour. A clean easy group of medium sized trees tolerant of most situations and rarely suffering from disease.
<b>Ginkgo</b>	Maidenhair	Ancient origins have given the ginkgo time to develop superb defences against pests. Modern cultivars offer a range of habits and leaf shapes from the original species.
<b>Gleditsia</b>	Honey Locust,	One of the best small garden trees with glorious fronds of foliage, tolerance of drier conditions & a naturally attractive shape.
<b>Koelreuteria</b>	Golden Rain Tree,	Not for frost pockets, these sun lovers are spectacular from the moment their foliage emerges.
<b>Liquidambar</b>	Sweet Gum,	Rather swift growing with leaves that produce a sweet smell when crushed. Easy to shape and train, famous for the bright, reliable autumn colour. Tolerant of clay soils.
<b>Liriodendron</b>	Tulip Tree,	Very handsome foliage trees that will not produce flower until later in life. Excellent timber qualities, very tidy habit of growth. Large.
<b>Magnolia</b>	Magnolia	A small tree or a large shrub, this group of trees needs little description. Better grown on neutral to acidic soil.
<b>Malus</b>	Crab Apple,	A rewarding tree for the small garden. Spring flowers and autumn fruit make it a hit with the wildlife. For crab apple jelly choose 'Harry Baker' & for most amazing blossom try 'Wedding Bouquet'. Easy to grow but avoid old fashioned scab prone varieties.
<b>Metasequoia</b>	Dawn Redwood,	Medium to large deciduous conifers with lovely bark and delicate foliage. A lovely specimen tree.
<b>Nyssa</b>	Tupelo Tree,	Requires acidic soil but rewards you with vivid autumn foliage. An unusual sight in this part of the country.

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<b>Parrotia</b>	Persian Ironwood,	Another easily shaped and trained small tree but a firm favourite with tree lovers. Easy to care for and not fussy about situation.
<b>Paulownia</b>	Foxglove Tree, Beanstalk Tree,	Not for frost pockets or exposed areas, massive leaves and glorious flowers if you put it in the right place. Prune to the size you like!
<b>Photinia</b>	Red Robin, Stransvaesia,	More commonly grown in a bush form, this evergreen tree should be pruned every year to maintain a good shape.
<b>Populus</b>	Poplar, Aspen,	Invasive roots enable these quick growing moisture loving trees to thrive. Some very pretty variations are available, most of them selected for the foliage.
<b>Prunus</b>	Flowering Cherry, Ornamental Plum,	Small, medium or even large - there is a prunus for every site and soil. Pink or white blossom can be had in almost every month of the year - including the winter months - with the right combination of prunus. Consider natives and autumn colours!
<b>Pyrus</b>	Ornamental Pear,	From one end of the group to the other there is a large variation in height, habit and colour but they all offer pretty white blossom and tolerate heavy soils.
<b>Quercus</b>	Oak,	English, evergreen, rare, acid loving or alkaline, large or small. Oaks come in many different forms. Do check the hardiness and soil needs before you plant!
<b>Robinia</b>	False Acacia,	Brittle medium to large trees that require plenty of space and moist but well drained soil. Control suckers when they emerge.
<b>Salix</b>	Willow,	Larger varieties may have invasive roots but willows offer so much for the garden. Often providing silvery foliage or brightly coloured stems over winter, there will be a willow to suit any wet site.
<b>Sambucus</b>	Ornamental Elderflower, Elder,	Often mistaken for japanese maples but much easier to grow. Spring flowers, purple foliage and autumn fruit make it a hit with gardeners as well as the wildlife. Easy to grow, small trees.
<b>Sequoia</b>	Californian Redwood,	Currently the tallest tree in the world. An incredible parkland specimen for conifer lovers.
<b>Sophora</b>	Hilsop,	Choose a hardy variety of this forgiving evergreen and plant it in a sunny spot - you will reap the rewards when it comes to flowering time. Easy to shape and train, keep as a shrub or a small tree.
<b>Sorbus</b>	Whitebeam, Rowan, Mountain Ash, Service Tree,	A vast collection of trees suited to most conditions. Spring flowers, autumn fruit and often good autumn leaf colour. Popular with the wildlife and includes a wide range of shapes and sizes.
<b>Taxodium</b>	Swamp Cypress,	A fast growing conifer with pleasant foliage that grows well in moist ground.
<b>Tilia</b>	Lime Tree,	Medium sized trees, often pruned yearly to stay small an encourage new growth with strong stem colour for the winter months. Easy and tolerant but not one to park your car under as a sticky 'dew' drops from the leaves.
<b>Ulmus</b>	Elm,	Look for new, Dutch Elm Disease resistant varieties of this stately British favourite.